

dictions, as may be deemed necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Effective period.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall be effective from and after December 7, 1941, and shall remain in force during the continuance of the present war and for six months after the termination of the war, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President may designate.

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 717]

AN ACT

Relating to dual employment in the Postal Service, and for other purposes.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 5154]
[Public Law 555]

Postal Service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of March 1, 1929, entitled "An Act for the relief of present and former postmasters and acting postmasters, and for other purposes" (45 Stat. 1441), as amended (39 U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. III, 136), is amended to read as follows:

Dual employment.

"When in the judgment of the Postmaster General the needs and interests of the Postal Service so require he may employ mail messengers and postal employees in a dual capacity, or assign extra duties to such mail messengers and postal employees; and, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1763, 1764, and 1765 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., title 5, secs. 58, 69, and 70), compensation shall be paid to such mail messengers and postal employees for such services at the rate provided by law for such services."

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 718]

AN ACT

To authorize Belfry Coal Company to construct, maintain, and operate a free suspension bridge conveyor across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River at or near Sprigg, West Virginia.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 5206]
[Public Law 556]

Tug Fork of Big
Sandy River.
Bridge at Sprigg, W.
Va.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Belfry Coal Company (not incorporated), its successors or assigns, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free suspension bridge conveyor and approaches thereto across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River between Pike County, Kentucky, and Mingo County, West Virginia, at mile 63.8 at or near Sprigg, West Virginia, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
495.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 719]

AN ACT

To provide for the granting of rights-of-way for pipe lines for petroleum and petroleum products and for telephone and/or telegraph lines through and across lands of the United States within the area of Indian Rock Dam and Reservoir, located in York County, Pennsylvania.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 5219]
[Public Law 557]

Indian Rock Dam
and Reservoir Area,
Pa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, under such

terms and conditions as are deemed advisable by him, to grant to Sinclair Refining Company, a Maine corporation, its successors and assigns, an easement for rights-of-way for pipe lines for the transportation of crude petroleum and/or the products and/or byproducts thereof, and also for telegraph and/or telephone lines, for use in connection with the operation of such pipe line or pipe lines, over, through, under, and across all those certain lands of the United States embraced in what is known as Indian Rock Dam and Reservoir Area in the county of York, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: *Provided*, That such easement shall be granted only upon a finding by the Secretary of War that the same will not substantially injure the interests of the United States in the property affected thereby, and will not be incompatible with the public interest: *And provided further*, That all or any part of such easement may be annulled and forfeited by the Secretary of War after reasonable notice (a) for failure of said Sinclair Refining Company, or its successors or assigns, to comply with the terms or conditions of any grant made hereunder, or (b) for abandonment of such easement: *And provided further*, That all moneys which may accrue to the United States under the provisions of this Act shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Approved December 23, 1944.

Rights-of-way for
pipe lines, etc.

[CHAPTER 720]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for examination of monthly accounts covering expenditures by disbursing officers of the United States Marine Corps", approved December 26, 1941, so as to extend the time for examination of monthly accounts of disbursing officers and special disbursing agents of the Navy and Coast Guard.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 5248]
[Public Law 558]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for examination of monthly accounts covering expenditures by disbursing officers of the United States Marine Corps", approved December 26, 1941 (55 Stat. 862), is amended to read as follows: "That the time for examination of monthly accounts covering expenditures by disbursing officers and special disbursing agents of the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Coast Guard after the date of actual receipt at the administrative office or offices designated to make the examination, and before transmitting the same to the General Accounting Office as limited by section 12 of the Act of July 31, 1894 (28 Stat. 209), as amended, is hereby extended from twenty to sixty days. In time of war or national emergency and for a period of eighteen months after such war or emergency shall have ceased to exist, the time for examination of such monthly accounts is hereby extended from sixty to ninety days."

Navy, Marine
Corps, and Coast
Guard.

31 U. S. C., Supp.
III, § 80b.
Examination of cer-
tain monthly ac-
counts.

5 U. S. C. § 267; 31
U. S. C. §§ 78, 496.

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 721]

AN ACT

To authorize the transfer of certain lands within the Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, Virginia, to the Secretary of the Navy.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 5331]
[Public Law 559]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to transfer to the Secretary of the Navy complete control and jurisdiction over a parcel of land within the Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, Virginia, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the existing property line between the

Colonial National
Historical Park, Va.
Transfer of jurisdic-
tion over certain
lands.